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SUBJECT: CIVAIR--INFORMAL TALKS WITH GOA; PAN AM (PA) SCHEDULING

PROBLEMS

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- 1. SECOND INFORMAL DISCUSSION NOW SET FOR MARCH 25. FONOFF NOT PREPARED CONTINUE THIS WEEK, WE PRESUME BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS MENTIONED REFTEL.
- 2. DURING CALL ON DIFFERENT SUBJECT BY AMBASSADOR MARCH 19 ON TRANSPORT & PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY NOVARO AND TRANSPORT SUBSECRETARY CERRAJERIA, CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS WERE BROUGHT UP. NOVARO AND CERRAJERIA WERE TOLD EMBASSY PLEASED THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD COMMENCED IN COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE AND WE HOPEFUL THAT RESULTS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. ECON COUNS REMINDED THEM THAT PA'S SCHEDULING PROBLEM STILL NOT RESOLVED SINCE TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE OF GAUGE IN CARACAS TO EXPIRE MARCH 24.
- 3. IN REPLY, NOVARO SAID HE AND TRANSPORT MINISTRY WAS GLAD TO HAVE TALKS UNDER WAY. HE INQUIRED OF CERRAJERIA WHETHER MINISTRY REP HAD BEEN PRESENT AT FIRST DISCUSSION AND ON BEING TOLD THAT ONLY FONOFF REPS HAD ATTENDED, SAID THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO DISCUSS ANY POINT WITH CERRAJERIA WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE CLARIFICATION FROM MINISTRY. WITH REGARD PA'S PROBLEM, NOVARO SAID THAT MINISTRY HAD DETERMINED THAT 45-DAY TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION MEANT 45 WORKING DAYS, CONFIDENTIAL

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RPT WORKING DAYS. THEREFORE PA COULD CONTINUE WITH CHANGE

OF GAUGE IN CARACAS UNTIL APRIL 17 INSTEAD OF MARCH 24. NOVARO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN THE MEANWHILE, PA HAD FILED REGULAR WINTER SEASON SCHEDULES TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, INCLUDING CARACAS CHANGE OF GAUGE FOR FLIGHT 515/516. NOVARO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BY THAT TIME MINISTRY MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO APPROVE PA'S SCHEDULE WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.

4. CERRAJERIA THEN ADDED THAT AEROLINEAS WOULD HAVE ITS LEASED 747 READY FOR SERVICE ABOUT MAY 1 AND WOULD BE FILING SCHEDULES INCLUDING 747 SERVICE TO US.
CERRAJERIA HOPED THAT APPROVAL OF PA'S SCHEDULE WITH CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS WOULD HELP CLEAR THE WAY FOR US APPROVAL OF AEROLINEAS' 747 SERVICE TO US.

5. ECON COUNS POINTED OUT THAT INTRODUCTION OF 747 SERVICES WAS A DIFFERENT SUBJECT AND WE COULD NOT SAY WHAT REACTION OF USG MIGHT BE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, INFORM THE RESPONSIBLE US AUTHORITIES OF AEROLINEAS' PLANS. WE ASSUMED, AND CERRAJERIA AGREED, THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE CURRENT TALKS.

6. COMMENT: CERRAJERIA'S REMARKS CONFIRM THAT ONE OF MAJOR GOA INTERESTS IN CURRENT TALKS IS AUTHORIZATION FOR 747 SERVICE TO THE US BY AEROLINEAS. HILL

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